



SITUATION REPORT TO ALBERTA JUSTICE AND SOLICITOR GENERAL PUBLIC SECURITY DIVISION

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PURPOSE: For the information of the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General, Public Security Division. This Situation Report contains information that is presently available to provide the immediate status of the occurrence. Further information shall be provided in a supplemental Situation Report prepared if required.

ISSUE:

- A summary of the updated information presented at the RCMP DEOC Gold/Silver/Bronze Commander's meeting at 0900 hours on 2022-02-13.
- The status of the trucker convoy protest/ road blockade on Highway 4 near Coutts, Alberta continuing from January 29, 2022.

BACKGROUND:

- Information from RCMP, CBSA and United States Customs and Border Protection (USCBP) report a convoy and blockade at the Port of Coutts on Sunday, January 30, continuing from January 29, 2022.
- The Port of Coutts operates 24 hours, and is the largest POE in Alberta. Hundreds of commercial and personal vehicles travel through this major thoroughfare on any given day.
- There are border crossings located at Coutts, Del Bonita, and Carway, Alberta. Coutts is the only 24-hour crossing.
- The Coutts POE is positioned on Highway 4 on the Canadian side, and I-15 on the USA side. Coutts is in the Milk River detachment area, Del Bonita is in the Raymond detachment area, and Carway is in the Cardston detachment area.

CURRENT STATUS as of 1400 hrs on 2022-02-14:

- Highway 4 remains completely blocked at the Port of Entry (POE) at the Coutts location.
- CBSA has temporarily suspended entry to Canada at the Coutts location (as of Saturday afternoon).
- The Government of Alberta is still considering an injunction, but there is nothing further to report at the time of this submission.
- Given the Border access to Coutts still blocked, traffic remains stopped by police at the CP10 and CP14 location near Milk River, Alberta to keep traffic from surging south to Coutts.
- Last night (February 13th) at 2000 hrs a large farm tractor and a semi truck (no trailer) were operated in a manner that narrowly missed ramming a police vehicle. The drivers of both units



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were able to park and run into the Smugglers Saloon prior to police apprehension. Both the farm tractor and semi truck were seized as offence related property by investigators.

- In the early hours of February 14th search warrants were executed on 3 separate trailers located on a residential property located a short distance from Smugglers Saloon. A total of 11 individuals were arrested and a significant cache of weapons was seized inclusive of: 13 long guns, 2 handguns, multiple sets of body armour, a machete, several high capacity magazines, and an excessive amount of ammunition.
- Early in the afternoon an identified male associate of individuals in custody was stopped by tactical assets on his way to the Coutts blockade location. Investigators believe the male had an immediate intention to shoot members on site. Search of his vehicle post arrest produced a combat style shotgun and a long rifle.
- Mood at the site remains stable at this time.
- At 0900hrs the following vehicle counts were recorded:
- At the main site in Coutts there are 23 semi-trucks, 1 personal vehicle, and 1 farm tractor are lining the northbound side of the highway 4 and 15 semi-trucks, and 2 personal vehicles block the southbound lane.
- At the Saloon which encompasses the area closest to the southern most point of the blockade near Coutts and stretches west to east across the entirety of Highway 4, 4 semi-trucks, 5 farm tractors, 10 personal vehicles and 11 RV's are parked.
- At check point 10, which is set up 18km north of the main site on highway 4 there are 22 commercial vehicles, 45 RV's, approximately 115 passenger vehicles, and 12 farm tractors.
- At CP5 which is east of the Coutts blockade, 7 RV's, 34 passenger vehicles, and 2 enclosed trailers attached to personal vehicles are parked.
- 19 enforcement tickets were issued yesterday.
- Sheriff resources continue to be engaged to ensure checkpoints north of the Carway and Del Bonita POE's are active while the ports are open (both close at 1800 today). No protest activity to report.
- Sufficient tow trucks will be available if/when required.
- The identified legal protest area on the west side of Milk River still remains a reasonable option presented by police to shift the protest group off the highway near CP10 and CP14 in Milk River. At this juncture, no movement by protesters has occurred.

CONDUCT / CIVIL RISK ASSESSMENT:

- N/A



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STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS:

- There is an MRO and Spokesperson onsite, providing updates to media.
- Media are updated primarily via phone / email or via in-person interview.
- Social media continues to be monitored.

MEMBER / EMPLOYEE WELLNESS:

- N/A

CONDUCT / CIVIL RISK ASSESSMENT:

- N/A

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